

REMARKS

In conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), applicants have amended claim 48 and added new claims 49-57. Claim 48 was amended to remove the phrase "and having a first end extending through a proximal end of tube and a second end in said tube lumen" and to replace the instances of "said" with "the." Claims 48-57 remains pending. Support for these amendments and new claims can be found in the specification at, e.g., page paragraphs 0016, 0018, 0048, and 0049. Therefore, these amendments are made without the addition of new matter.

Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action on the merits of the claims is therefore earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, please contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (949) 737-2900. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2862.

Respectfully submitted,

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